

NOTED JAPANESE LEADER TO ATTEND LABOR CONVENTION

Of the American Federation of Labor in Baltimore as Fraternal Delegate.

TOKIO, Oct. 7.—Announcement that Dr. Bunji Suzuki, president of the Laborers' Friendly Society, of Japan, will attend the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor at Baltimore in November as fraternal delegate from Japan has drawn attention to the extraordinary growth of the organization of the working people of the Japanese empire. Dr. Suzuki went to the United States last year and by meeting the leading trade unionists of California did much to clarify the labor questions pending between the two countries. Representative Japanese believe that his forthcoming visit to America will materially advance the work begun last year and help to the attainment of a better understanding between Japan and the United States.

The grouping of Japanese laborers into one national association constitutes one of the most dramatic chapters in the history of modern Japan and the fact that only last month the doors were thrown open to women and that 5,000 are already enrolled has suddenly concentrated interest in the movement. Conceived only four years ago by Mr. Suzuki himself, the idea has developed so rapidly that 23,000 working men and women are affiliated with the laborers' organization and 3,000 new members are joining every month.

Great Strikes Unknown.
Great strikes are as yet unknown in Japan, where an oligarchic government keeps jealous watch and control over all associations and meetings of its people, yet President Suzuki and his fellow officers have settled no fewer than twenty-seven small strikes by conciliation and arbitration.

How far the laborers' movement will spread and what place it will fill in the economic and industrial life of the nation are questions which are holding the attention of the present. Certainly, for the present, the attitude of the government seems not only friendly but actually helpful.

That its future is great because its object is in no sense political, but dedicated to the welfare of the working people was the opinion voiced by President Suzuki to the correspondent of the Associated Press. He talked with glowing enthusiasm about what he considers his great life's work devoted to the advancement of the interests of the people. Of massive build, earnest in manner, direct in speech, modest but convincing in speech, Mr. Suzuki resembles a prosperous business man or a university professor. He graduated from the Imperial University at Tokyo and began his life as a reporter on the Tokyo Asahi. In 1909 he became secretary to the Rev. Clay MacCauley, the head of the American Unitarian mission in Japan. Adopting Christianity, he flung himself with fervor into the work of Dr. MacCauley's mission in Tokyo and he took a leading part in the social service work of the church.

"That work," said Mr. Suzuki to the correspondent, "brought me closely in touch with the working men and women of the great metropolis. Much was being done for them in philanthropic ways but one thing, like an inspiration came the thought that a great service for my people was possible. And it was that they should be banded together for their mutual happiness and for their improvement—morally and socially, economically and technically. So I went down into the factories and gathered together in a hall a few of the leaders and we talked it all over. It was no easy thing."

See the Light.
"We knew that many might deem it bold and even revolutionary. We knew that the government did not tolerate trade-unionism. How were we to bind the people together for their welfare and happiness and be not misunderstood? Then we saw light. We decided then and there that our organization would never indulge in violence and that it would never enter politics. To that platform of negation we have steadfastly adhered and it is the sacred determination of us all to adhere to it always."

The project of the organization was worked out in detail and its object was set forth to be the ethical, intellectual, economic and technical im-

provement of the working man and woman. "It was an outgrowth," said Mr. Suzuki, "of the Christian tenet emphasizing the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

The creators of the first steps soon found that they had built bigger than they knew. Working men rallied to their idea and to their standard. The emblem was chosen. It was a Roman brazier. The soaring flame symbolized the spirit of brotherhood and warmth of affection uniting the members. Mr. Suzuki pointed to the brazier insignia fastened to the lapel of his coat.

"Soon," he went on, "we had to think of establishing branches of our Tokyo organization. We started a magazine and called it 'Labor and Industry.' When the women joined us we began to print a special magazine for them and called it 'Friendly Woman.' The men's paper has a circulation of 18,000 distributed among the branch organizations which now total eighty. We have had to get new clerks, larger quarters—more of everything."

Every week the associations in the various cities and towns hold meetings and every year there is an annual general convention.

Strikes Not Encouraged.

The correspondent asked about a strike at Yokohama last week, which the newspapers mentioned as having been settled by the head of the laborers' society. "It is true," Mr. Suzuki explained, "Three hundred employees of the Yokohama Dock Company went out to protest the discharge of two old workmen. One of the discharged men had been with the company sixteen years, the other twenty-three. They were dismissed on the ground that they were idle. Not only did the strikers insist upon the reinstatement of the men, but upon the withdrawal of the right of foremen to discharge workmen and upon granting of an increase of wages. I was summoned from Kobe and after a long and bitter discussion with the officers of the company we won our cause, or at least, the chief demands. The men were reinstated, the authority to dismiss was removed from the foremen and the company promised an increase of wages within a reasonable time. We do not encourage strikes, but we mean to labor for the betterment of the working people."

The leader explained that the membership came chiefly from the iron, weaving and spinning and electrical industries, with 1,500 seamen. The women, mostly girls, were engaged in the weaving and spinning mills.

"To many of the working people of Japan are eligible for membership?" was asked.

"About 1,000,000," was the answer, "and we hope to have them all in our association some day."

President Suzuki voiced great satisfaction over the results of his visit to California last year when he addressed the delegates to the state convention of the federation of labor and had conferences with the leading labor men of the state. He believed there was a better understanding in California of the immigration question and thought that the fact that no anti-Japanese legislation had been introduced into the California legislature last year was one of the evidences of this improved understanding. The admission of Japanese to labor unions and the co-operation of the Japanese federation of labor in California with the American National Federation of labor, with the expectation of even closer relationship were to him additional proofs that the so-called Japanese problems were nearer settlement.

Closer Contact Sought.

"Closer contact between Japanese and Americans will accomplish wonders in clearing the air," declared the Japanese leader in conclusion. "When I went to the United States last year President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor first said he was not particularly interested in me because he thought our organization in Japan was devoted merely to social service. But I had a long talk with Mr. Gompers and told him how we were uplifting the laborers of my country—intellectually and economically—providing entertainments, lectures and literature and seeking their general advancement. I think he changed his mind about us and I am very gratified at the invitation to go to Baltimore this autumn."

President Suzuki goes to the United States with the approval and even help of representative Japanese like Baron

Ei-ichi Shibusawa and Dr. J. Soyeda, the president of the imperial railways, who was greatly impressed with what he is doing for the uplift of the Japanese laboring world.

Before going to Baltimore Mr. Suzuki will attend the annual convention of the California federation of labor at Eureka in October.

WESTON PEOPLE COMING TO HEAR HUGHES SPEAK

Hundreds Will Be Here from Lewis County Capital Wednesday Morning.

WESTON, Oct. 7.—Hundreds of local people are planning to go to Clarksburg next Wednesday morning to hear Charles Evans Hughes, the next president, make an address.

Gaines to Speak.

The voters of this county will have the opportunity of hearing a very able speaker discuss the merits of the Republican party at the court house here next Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. He is Joseph Holt Gaines.

Splendid Program.

Saturday the teachers of Hackers Creek district, assembled at the high school building and had their first meeting. A splendid program was rendered.

Hurts Hand Badly.

Amos Forman of the Free Press, got his left hand badly hurt Tuesday by getting it caught in the rollers of the newspaper press.

Ware in City.

C. Bert Ware, a former resident and street car conductor here, but now of Clarksburg, was in the city a few hours one day this week shaking hands with old friends.

To Register Voters.

The county court will be in session Monday, the 9th day of October, relative to the registration of voters. If you are not registered you had better drop around that day.

Married in Virginia.

Charles Wooster of this city, and Miss Annie Puffenberger, of Virginia, were married recently. They have many friends here who welcome him and his bride here as residents.

Election Officers.

The Woman's Bible class of the Baptist church held its yearly election recently and the following will be the officers for the coming year: Mrs. E. E. White, president; Mrs. Mary Widenhamer, secretary; Mrs. Duke Turner, treasurer; Darr Whiter, teacher, and Stark A. White, assistant teacher. A reception was given in honor of Mrs. M. L. Hunt and Mrs. R. L. Rymer, who are leaving the city about the middle of the month.

Name Directors.

The Men's Brotherhood held an election for directors at Hall's drug store last Tuesday and the following is the result: C. F. Davis, of the Methodist Protestant church; R. H. Hinkle, of the United Brethren church; S. P. D. Tierney, of the Catholic church; O. E. Hinkle, of the Methodist Episcopal church; J. H. Bailey, of the Baptist church; W. H. Warren, of the Protestant Episcopal church; and W. C. Allman, of the Presbyterian church. This is a fine set of directors and all the folks can expect good results to be attained the coming year. The last year's work has been good.

Sewing Circle to Entertain.

The United Brethren Sewing Circle will entertain at the church Thursday, October 12, from 7 to 9 p. m. Proceeds are for the benefit of the church. Everybody is invited.

First Marriage.

The bans of marriage were proclaimed for the first time at the Catholic church last Sunday morning for Robert Fealey and Miss Agnes Dempsey.

Annual Reception.

The Jane Lew Woman's Christian Temperance Union and Mothers' Club will hold its annual reception for the teachers of Jane Lew schools and vicinity, its new members, honorary members and husbands, at the home of Mrs. Anna Bryan, October 12, from 8 to 10:30 p. m. The following program will be rendered: Prayer—The Rev. M. G. Stillman. Vocal solo—Mrs. Morton. Address of welcome—Mrs. Annie Bryan.

Response—Prof. O. Rex Ford. Violin solo—Mrs. Borderhorn. Refreshments. Toasts. Friendship—R. L. Bland. Vocal solo—Mrs. Harry Watson. Loyalty—Mrs. C. F. Lowther. Piano Duet—Misses Davisson and Bishop. Strings and arrows—R. Ad Hall. Toast mistress—Mrs. Allie B. Jackson.

COYOTE HUNTING IN AUTO LATEST SPORT

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. 7.—Coyote hunting by automobiles at night is the latest diversion on the San Fernando boulevard. Recently Deputy Sheriff Cooper and Sweeney saw a large coyote dash from the roadside into the glare of the machine headlights.

Then issued a race between the animal and the machine.

Blinded by the glare of the lights the coyote dashed at top speed down the boulevard ahead of the machine.

CIRCUIT COURT OF NICHOLAS IS IN SESSION

Several Witnesses before the Grand Jury but Few Indictments Are Returned.

RICHWOOD, Oct. 7.—Circuit court is in session at Summersville this week and quite a number of Richwood people are at the county seat. While there were several witnesses before the grand jury so far there have been but five indictments returned.

Buys Land.

W. D. Frazer recently sold a tract of land about two miles below here to the Bell Land Development Company, of Charleston. The land is situated on the river along the railroad and it will be cut up into lots and placed on the market at an early date.

Breaks Horses' Leg.

While taking several people over to court one day this week in his automobile Sam Mazello, a young Italian, of this place, had the misfortune to break a horse's leg, and now finds himself a defendant in a suit in a justice's court for \$250 damages. Mazello and those riding in the car with him at the time, claim that he was in no way responsible for the mishap, as he had slowed up his car to let the man, A. W. Bartlett, pass, and that the horses got frightened and jumped in front of the machine, and the hub of one of the front wheels struck the horse's leg and broke it. Bartlett tells a different story.

Work Halted.

Owing to a difficulty in getting bricklayers, work on the new school building is not progressing as rapidly as the people interested would like.

Rough Roads.

Raymond Thompson made a trip across the country this week to Ralnelles, going by way of Homing Falls. He made the trip in an automobile, and said he encountered some pretty rough roads on the way.

Lease Skating Rink.

Reg. Hinkle and Charles Snodgrass have leased the skating rink building, and have had it overhauled and it is now open to the public.

Wolfe Returned.

The Rev. A. S. Wolfe, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at this place, was returned here for another year to the delight and satisfaction of his congregation.

Dead of Tuberculosis.

Mrs. Mary Snider died at the McClung hospital early Friday morning of tuberculosis. The body will be taken to Fairwood Sunday for burial.

Called to Braxton.

Charles James was called to Braxton county last week on account of the accidental death of his nephew, Clarence James.

Keeley Speaks.

James H. Keeley, of Washington, D. C., spoke to the "unterrified" here Wednesday night.

Lease Building.

Mrs. Marie Caldwell, who has conducted a boarding house on lower Main street for several years, has leased her building to other parties, and is now visiting relatives at Huntington and other points.

Social and Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tiecher returned a few days ago from an extended visit to friends in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Nancy Reed, of Dunbar, Kanawha county, is here with her daughter, Mrs. Alex. Caldwell, on the South Side, who has been quite ill for some time.

Byron Amick is here mingling with friends.

W. D. Frazier and L. A. Thomas were at Charleston the latter part of last week looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard McClure, of New York, have been visiting friends and relatives here for a few days.

They left Friday morning to visit Mr. McClure's parents in Lincoln county.

Jeff. Chambers, of Ashabula, O., has been her for some days renewing old acquaintances.

A. E. Weaver, county superintendent of schools, was here a few days ago.

J. B. Dodge, superintendent of the Dodge clothespin factory, accompanied by Mrs. Dodge, is in Pennsylvania looking after business matters.

A. L. Craig has returned home after several days absence.

Dennis Molohan has returned from an extended sojourn in Webster county.

George Detamore and family, of Morgantown, are guests of friends here.

FINDS ANCIENT BURIAL MOUNDS

Iowa University Professor Locates 400 Graves of Prehistoric Inhabitants.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Oct. 7.—Professor Lorin Stuckey, of the department of political economy at Iowa University, has made a remarkable discovery near the banks of the Iowa river, where he has located a group of 400 prehistoric burial mounds.

They are on a high bluff overlooking the Iowa river, about five miles southwest of Lone Tree, a village near until the automobile in a sudden burst of speed ran over and killed the animal.

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Sprague to Lead Review.

Frank J. Sprague, who planned and built the first successful trolley line in Richmond, Va., in 1888, is to lead the review of the physical development of electric railways. Mr. Sprague is still in the harness, is a member of the naval advisory board, appointed by President Wilson, and a famous consulting engineer. Participating in the discussion will be men who have been on the firing line during all of the various phases of the astounding growth.

Attention is to be paid also to the social and financial aspects of the subject and the discussion as to this side of the development is to be led by A. B. Leach, a New York banker, who has played an important part in the evolution of street car lines, from the short, poorly equipped and isolated lines, a dozen or so of which served each city, into the present great systems covering entire communities with a length of haul for as little fare that in some instances reaches as high as forty miles.

The session at which this discussion will take place is to be presided over by Charles L. Henry, of Indianapolis, the association's president, who built the first interurban road in Indiana, and who first christened the lines that connect city to city "interurban."

The gathering is expected to bring from 4,000 to 5,000 railway men, from the United States, Canada, Central and South America.

Wood to Speak.

Major General Leonard A. Wood, United States Army, and Captain S. D. Embick, coast artillery, United States army, are to address the convention on the subject of the part to be played by electric railways in military operations.

The convention is also to listen to the address of Ivy L. Lee, on publicity using as his text "The Platform of Principles Adopted by the Association in 1914" in which "full and frank publicity" was laid down as a fundamental.

Mounds Are Untouched.

A half mile below this group of mounds, across the river, on the George Eden farm, there are twenty or thirty signal mounds. Hereabouts have been found many Indian arrow heads, grooved stone hammers, etc.

The location of the various mounds and of the two groups, relatively, indicates to the discoverers that these graves were constructed along the lines followed by prehistoric mourners as to points of the compass.

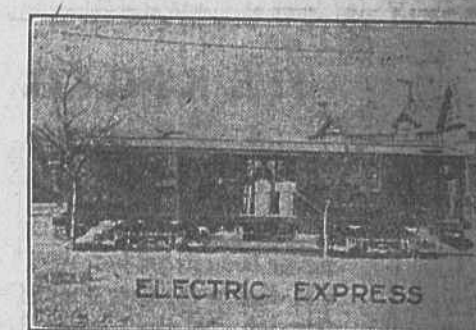
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